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Applicant : Shin-ichi HASHIMOTO et al.

Group Art Unit: 1651

Appl. No. : 09/868,924

Examiner: Irene Marx

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For : PROCESS FOR PRODUCING HMG-CoA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 14, 2004, and concurrently with the Request for Consideration filed concurrently herewith, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested. Inasmuch as the six-month extended statutory period is originally set in the Office Action to expire on October 14, 2004, Applicants hereby request an extension of time for one month further to the Request for Extension of Time for two months, filed in the above-captioned application on September 14, 2004, *i.e.*, for a total extension of time of three months, up to and including October 14, 2004 (the mailing date of the final Office Action in this case being April 14, 2004), with all requisite fees therefor. If for any reason the formal Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office or the extension fee is deficient, this should be considered to be an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.**